



## Government of The United States Virgin Islands OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Veterans Affairs hosts Physicians Townhall**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in collaboration with the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs will be hosting Physician Town Hall meetings in the territory.

For quite some time local providers have been experiencing issues pertaining to the providing of services for our local Veterans. Some topics scheduled to be discussed are: reimbursement rate, timeliness of reimbursements, reimbursements process, difficulties of procuring permission for certain tests/labs/radiological study, future of medical care via the new VA Mission Act.

This is an opportunity for those community healthcare providers to be able to directly address those concerns with the leadership of the VA Caribbean Healthcare Services. In addition, this is another effort to reduce and eventually eliminate Veterans having to travel to Puerto Rico for routine medical services which can be rendered locally.

"To make this a reality we are inviting community healthcare providers to be a part of this conversation. This will help you to understand the process and also allow you input on how things can be done better", said Director Farrell.

## **Date and Time Specifics:**

Thursday July 25 4-5:30pm St Thomas, American Legion Post#90, Subbase

Friday July 26 4-5:30pm St Croix, American Legion Post#85, Christiansted

Please RSVP by calling the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs in your respective district or emailing us @ <u>info\_va@va.vi.gov</u> by Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup> 2019:

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Light Refreshments will be served